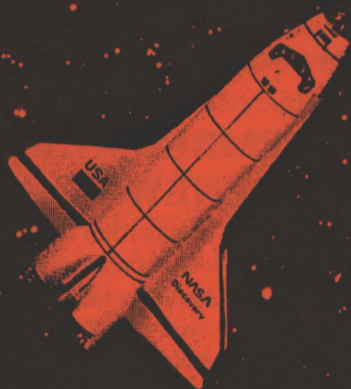


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**H**ello! Well it's that time again. When we work like drover's dogs to get the Bulletin finished and out to the members with interesting and up to date material. We have had quite a number of reports from numerous places, which makes the UFO subject a far more fascinating study.

Don't hesitate to read "The Evolution Of A Camera" by Jacqui Purtell.

Jacqui has an article in this publication, which should rouse the interest of any photography experts. She has spent much time in the mountains, photographing her favourite subject UFOs, which has whetted her appetite considerably concerning the subject. She has gone to a great deal of carefully planned expense and research to set up her telescopic and photographic equipment, and has been rewarded by "light visits" on most occasions, which makes one wonder if the "Ufonauts" really are aware of her presence - interesting thought?

Paul has had his usual visits to The Grampians and is delighted with the results of Jacqui's camera experiments, which encourages him to visit the mountains more frequently in the hope that he too will see the UFOs at closer range. I must say that the area somewhat fascinates me too, but unfortunately I cannot spare too much time to visit the site.

Whilst watching the Olympics on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month, August, we had a rather large number of calls from people who witnessed UFOs around a large area of Strathmore, Pascoe Vale, Glenroy, Coburg and Essendon. Depending on what time and area they were viewing the lights, the reports were very similar, with just slight variations regarding numbers and their line of flight. All reports started with six lights, some noted that two disappeared, and the four remaining lights were fairly close together and formed a diamond shape.

Their apparent colour seemed to be orange, green, bluey-red and travelling quite close together. The remaining four lights appeared to drift and gave people time to see them. We had many reports from all the listed places and hopefully will receive more prior to our next meeting.

Before starting on this publication I wondered what the Editorial subject might be about, but thanks to the "Ufonauts" who were very obliging, we now have several subjects to select from. We will follow up on the reports of sightings we have had recently, and publish the results in the next Bulletin, December 2004 issue.



# ON THE UFO TRAIL

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On my most recent trip to the Grampians, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, the weather was bitterly cold. I had only two clear nights during which to observe UFO activity. While the UFOs were present, they were still not as active as they were before the June 2003 jet overflight, when the sound barrier was broken as the jets flew over the Wartook Valley.

On the night of July 5<sup>th</sup>, at about 07:30 p.m., a large object commenced glowing with a bright white light. After watching it for 30 minutes, I drove my car to a location closer to the glowing object, and then flashed my powerful white spotlight toward the object, to elicit a response. The object immediately blinked out, and after having watched for an hour, it had not recommenced glowing, so I returned to my room for the night.

I hope to return to Reids Lookout before completing this column. My intentions are to continue performing experiments, and record the responses of the UFOs. In the last three years, this UFO activity has been occurring almost daily, except for the interruption apparently caused by the jet overflight and associated loud "bang".

There have been scattered sightings in other locations among the mountains. I have canvassed the whole area seeking witnesses, and have found that the only locations where sightings have been made recently are in and around the two valleys adjacent to Reids Lookout.

About ten years ago, a VUFORS member reported having a sighting from Reids

Lookout. The UFO appeared to be a large rectangular object, which flew back and forth, just above the treetops, down in the Wartook Valley, making several trips from one end of the valley to the other.

One could only speculate that it might have been a scout vehicle looking for an area of interest to explore. It might also be that there is something in these mountains relating to the high altitude lakes that form the largest man-made gravity irrigation system, on the driest continent on earth, which is of some interest to these intelligences.

Steve Swanwick, the researcher who discovered this activity three years ago, reported that soon after his first observation, two objects flew low over his car while his radio was on, causing a loud static or humming noise, an electromagnetic effect that is characteristic of the presence of a nearby UFO.

We now have a high-tech magnetometer in operation while observing the movements of UFOs in the Grampians, in case a UFO influences the local magnetic environment, and causes registration by a needle deflection. We also have a Geiger-counter to record any unexpected rise in the level of radiation.

The magnetometer is the same one used when we learned what made a compass spin in 1991, while checking "crop circles" during a visit to the UK. In Australia during even earlier years, we had some cases where compasses performed erratically while we were checking unusual ground markings, which appeared to be UFO related.



# The Evolution Of A Camera

By Jacqui Purtell

Have you ever wanted to take a photograph or perhaps a video of an anomalous object, light or anything else that might fit the category of UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)? That is presuming that you have the chance of repeated sightings of the objects in the first place. The once in a lifetime sighting might only happen once and never again, or it might never occur at all in your lifetime.

In my case, good fortune has been on my side as the perfect opportunity has been offered to me, and presented itself as an anomalous aerial object or objects, operating over a well-known mountain range and valley in The Grampians.

This area is also within a reasonable distance from my residence in Bendigo as well. So if you, like myself, happen to be rather keen on the subject of Ufology, and such a situation presents itself to you, then I guess the next reaction might be, "Wow! I would like to photograph that." And that's just what I set out to do.

The trouble with enthusiasm in my case, is the tendency for me to take that step into the wild blue yonder, and to hell with the details. All I need is just a camera and a bit of film with a little higher film speed than what I would usually use for the odd happy snap.

Wrong, absolutely wrong, especially if the objects are to be photographed at night, and at distances ranging from a couple of kilometres to 30 or more kilometres. To complicate matters, the objects are moving, disappearing from sight, flashing in pulses, changing in colour, altering in luminosity, and occasionally sending out very intense beams of light.

Oh, and to top it all off, the wind is blowing a treat and sending in a good thunder cloud to make sure you're not going to have any fun at all. Well if you are truly into photographing a UFO, you would not want to be doing anything else, would you?

The start for me was the procuring of the necessary photographic equipment for what I thought would be suitable (from a status of rank amateur photographer). Firstly, the purchase of a second-hand Olympus 35 mm OM-1, in reasonable "nick", and the other necessity was a tripod. This was borrowed from my sister, someone who is somewhat more knowledgeable about photography than "yours truly".

If you have ever used a telephoto lens and camera, you will know the tripod is a very useful gadget indeed, but the whole lot is just about useless unless you have that indispensable little "do-dad" - the cable release attachment for vibration free (almost) operation of the camera shutter, especially when taking timed exposure shots at night. Of course all this nocturnal photography is going to be done on a balmy windless evening, isn't it? The truth is ... you should be so lucky.

My preference for the type of film to use would have been colour / 1600 ASA. Some say it's a little grainy, but what the heck, all I wanted was to grab those tricky little UFO photons, and as many as I could. The 1600 ASA is getting harder to obtain these days, so I have been using 800 ASA, and that will have to do. I'm definitely not into gas hypering film for more sensitivity (I used to fancy myself as an amateur astronomer you see).

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This camera set-up amused me for a while, a very short while, as the results were just not there. So perhaps I should have packed up my stuff and stayed at home in a cosy living room in front of that brain-numbing apparatus called television, but no, I knew the solution, throw some more money at the problem.

I just happened to remember my dear mother's interest in doing the occasional stargazing, and the telescope she used to use. I have already been borrowing other pieces of equipment from family members, so I'm on the bot again. I had earlier modified this telescope to take astronomical photographs, in fact, with that Olympus I had purchased.

Until now, I had not thought of using it as a terrestrial telephoto camera, and in fact, that's what it really is, just one heck of a lot larger than the first camera set-up. So here was the first evolutionary phase for my camera, the conversion from astronomical to terrestrial application, and to photograph UFOs! Some people would see this as an absolute calamity, I'm sure.

For those who may be interested in some of this set-up's technical specifications, here are some details. The telescope is a Meade Instruments Schmidt-Cassegrain with a 203 mm aperture and a focal length of 2000 mm, known as an F10. The Olympus is a 35 mm OM-1, SLR camera, modified with a new finder screen type 1-7 to provide an extremely bright finder image. To aid in obtaining a reasonable focus, a Varimag adjustable magnification finder has also been added.

There are two extension tubes available, one fixed and one adjustable for eyepiece (telescope eyepieces) projection photography.

The complete package is mounted on a sturdy aluminium tripod with the equatorial wedge removed for terrestrial use. I guess to assemble this sort of set-up to photograph UFOs is most likely too much financial expenditure for most people. In my case, I was most fortunate to have access to the astronomical equipment, and I can't think of a better use for a telescope than to hunt for UFOs.

As far as I can see, both interests are aimed toward space and a curiosity for what's out there. I have managed to photograph a few strange moving aerial lights, some strange stationary ones as well. But the results do not prove much. Essentially what is seen on the photos are various small balls of light, some moving and leaving light trails, turns, hook turns, pulsing light trails and whatever. All this is on film, shot using timed exposures from 20 - 60 seconds.

The problem I see with the stills I have taken is that to most people, who look at the photographs, they only see odd lights photographed at night - nothing spectacular and certainly nothing like the public stereotype image most people conjure up at the mention of UFOs, but that is OK. Reality is sometimes not what the majority expects.

The lights are usually at a fair distance from the camera, although you are provided with occasional surprising treats when they come in a little closer, usually when the camera has not been set up and is consequently not operational. The objects are also sometimes surprisingly small. The telescope/camera set-up can easily pick up their lights over quite a distance (50 - 60 km) when the atmospherics are good for observing.



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Most people will dismiss these lights as car headlights or streetlights, but I cannot conceive of a car headlight, let alone a streetlight, that can fly up over a mountain ridge and clearly have airspace underneath the light, and then move down into the gully between two ridges. If it is true that car headlights and streetlights have achieved this kind of flight, I will then believe that humankind is truly alone in the universe.

As far as hang-gliders with torches or hot-air garbage bags being the answer, well, that's a load of twaddle too, because these lights can put on a reasonable turn of speed when the fancy takes them. Why would the same bunch of idiots be there every time I am there, summer and winter for the last 18 months? Perhaps they are, and if that is the case, then they would have seen what I have seen, and they will probably be asking questions and looking for answers too.

It looks like still photography is not setting any fire under my tail to date, so I think that it is time for another evolutionary change to the camera set-up.

Well have you ever considered video? The addition of movement sets things to quite a new level, and is a considerable improvement on the still photos, but that will entail some new equipment, and there is no fallback on spare astro-equipment to get me up and running, so the cheapest alternative to a video camcorder was to add to what I already could lay my hands on, namely Mum's telescope and a relatively inexpensive video camera.

A Sony security CCD digital surveillance video camera from good old Jaycar Electronics, you know, the type of "big brother" things

in banks and other little "hidie-holes" around the place these days. This particular model has 420 line resolution, 12 volt DC operation, and a 1/3 of an inch CCD chip with a minimum light requirement of one lux. An adapter to attach the video camera to the telescope was purchased as well.

My intention was to connect the camera by cable to a VHS domestic video recorder and use dear mother's small television set as a video monitor. This collection of odds and sods was then powered via a 300 Watt sine-wave inverter, which resided in my mother's car (1985 Honda Accord Hatch), and the connection to the remote telescope/video, recorder (VHS) and small television set to be provided by one really long extension cord.

I guess you more technical readers must be just about rolling on the floor with laughter right now. I kid you not; this concoction of household entertainment electrical paraphernalia was actually used on one or two occasions at Reids Lookout car park, to try to videotape UFOs. My shuttling backwards and forwards from the car caused some amusement to stunned tourists and patrons of that scenic car park.

I must apologise to Paul Norman who helped me tote this pile of stuff across the car park. This must have been a little embarrassing for him, yet there was no complaint. I think he must take some of my antics in his stride. Of course a few perplexed individuals did enquire about what I was doing. My reply was that I was going to videotape UFOs; well you could imagine the looks I received over that!

[To be continued in December 2004 Bulletin.]

# International Sighting Reports

Selected extracts from Filer's Files #35 - 2004 MUFON Skywatch Investigations  
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UFOs Seen During ISS Spacewalk; New York - Giant Flying Wing; New Jersey - Neon-Blue Disk; Pennsylvania - Disk; North Carolina - Formation; Florida - Flying Triangle; Tennessee - Bright Pulsing Object; Missouri - Fifty Devices In The Sky; New Mexico - Silver Sphere; California - Disk And Diamond; Washington - Flying Triangle; Canada - Circle In "Smoke Ring"; Mexico - Another UFO Reported; Brazil - UFO On Phone Camera; UK/Scotland - Rectangular Object; UK/England - Glowing Object; Russian Saw UFO In Space.

## UFOs Seen During ISS Spacewalk

An EVA (spacewalk) was carried out from ISS (International Space Station) in the wee hours of 03 August 2004 for the purpose of changing out experiments, and modifying the docking facilities on the aft end of the Zvezda Service Module. This was the third EVA for the Expedition 9 crew. The spacewalk lasted some 4 1/2 hours, but only 12 minutes and 24 seconds of this were of the space crew at work.

During this short downlink, two UFOs were seen, one travelling at a 45 degree angle in relation to the ISS, and another almost two minutes later moving horizontally to the station. Just a few moments later, the live feed was cut off, and never restored. For a more exhaustive report on this EVA, use this link.

<http://www.projectprove.com/eva-9c.htm>

<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewsr.html?pid=13565>

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## New York - Giant Flying Wing

**Hudson River** - Architect Laurence Owen called to report that he and his wife and had seen a giant flying wing craft hovering above the Hudson River on August 12, 2004. The architect, his wife and a friend were riding in a cab driving down the West River Drive looking towards New Jersey near the former World Trade Centre at 08:45 p.m., when they noticed several commercial aircraft heading towards the New York Airports flying at several thousand feet altitude.

A huge V shaped craft was just hovering above the Hudson River as the aircraft flew by. The V-shaped craft was at least twice as big as the commercial aircraft and had six or eight lights on its rear perimeter inside the V. There were also two lights on the front of the large object.

Laurence held his arm up and the thumb on his outstretched hand covered the huge craft. The craft was hovering near the World Trade



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Centre Site, but over the water. They saw the craft for two minutes until it went behind a building and disappeared (phone interview).

**Queens** - Marian Yancey, Field Investigator writes, "On Saturday evening, August 07, 2004, we were at a party and saw a neighbour let go of three or four balloons that we saw gaining altitude at 07:45 p.m." They were silver - like those metallic balloons. But, then I saw three yellow lights in formation moving through the clouds.

Well, the clouds broke up, there was no body to the "plane" - just the lights right there in the daylight sky (it was still light out). I thought of balloons tied together but these lights did not bob like balloon and the angle was wrong for the sun to reflect on them to cause them to glow.

It was in a patch of sky above a house on 115<sup>th</sup> Street right off Lefferts Boulevard. The lights were high in the sky, and glowed a golden yellow colour and resembled the lights one would see on an airplane except they were the wrong colour. They even had a similar type of relationship to one another - one at the leading edge and two behind and slightly outward on either side of the leading light.

Thanks to Marian Yancey, Arkansas Field Investigator.

### New Jersey - Neon-Blue Disk

**Cape May** - On August 03, 2004, a married couple was sitting on the beach while on vacation at the southern tip of New Jersey

when they saw a neon-blue disk with many lights on the bottom. The wife reports, "My husband and I were talking when I caught sight of a neon-blue disk at 10:30 p.m., which looked like a Childs sand sifter with thousands of holes which were illuminated with white light.

"It passed by extremely fast and disappeared behind what could have been a cloud, but there were none out that evening. The sky was clear and full of stars. The craft was relative to the size of a full moon. I did not hear any sound with seeing the object. About ten minutes later, I saw a shooting star and in comparison, this did not even come close.

"It was definitely too fast to be an airplane and the neon-blue lights as well as the fact that it disappeared, made me frightened at first, but then curious so I sat there for another half an hour hoping to see something else."

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

**South Plainfield** - A small black cone was spotted floating over a shopping centre at 11:00 p.m. on July 29, 2004. The small black cone with point down was suspended in the air. The object was positioned a couple hundred feet in the air over Middlesex Mall. The cone was small and featureless, without lights, etc, and was probably too small to hold a human sized passenger.

On the bottom of the cone was a small mass, which tapered downward. The cone was absolutely still and made no sounds. I could see a small aircraft in the distance beyond the

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cone, which was turning toward the cone in my line of sight. By the time the observer turned around in traffic the cone had disappeared entirely.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### Pennsylvania - Disk

**Allentown** - The witnesses were at Dorney Park on July 29, 2004; and at 04:00 p.m., using their digital camera, took photos of a helicopter flying by. Later, when we looked at the photo there was a disc like object next to the helicopter. The witness claims, "Prior to taking the picture even while taken it I saw nothing except the copter, but it is in the picture." After viewing the picture of the helicopter, we saw a disc shaped object next to the copter.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### North Carolina - Formation

**Wrightsville Beach** - Three to four objects were seen moving around each other for over an hour, over the beach on August 01, 2004 at 03:30 a.m. There were three objects and sometimes a fourth object joined them. There were dancing lights in basically a triangle pattern. They moved, pulsed, dimming, and moving to and away.

One was white, one bluish-white, which is the smallest, shifted to red at times, one bright yellow (the largest) shifting to soft yellow-white and faded to more blue but the full moon affected its colour changes as if it was reflecting moonlight. This one had a specific shape to it like a five pointed star. A fourth one, showed up every now and then, like a tiny red dot that darted forward and away.

The triangle pattern seemed to rotate around itself mainly clockwise. At 04:50 a.m., they were in more of a line pattern and nearly 90 degrees overhead. There were thunderheads overhead, sprinkles of rain the whole time. The formation of them changed and rotated and had been going on the whole hour and a half at that point.

They were bright enough to often show through the thunderheads. At 04:58 a.m., they flew back to 60 degrees up. The lights were still there but I headed back since I was starting to get really rained on. Objects were still darting and shifting brightness, and seemed to be unaffected by the weather. I am a Christian, and am having trouble explaining what I was looking at.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### Florida - Flying Triangle

**Vero Beach** - A bright white sphere of light, 45 degrees from horizon, changing into three smaller lights when closer to the ground, was observed on July 29, 2004 at 08:30 p.m. The light was too large and too close to be a star. The light hovered above and returned to the bridge in the opposite direction. Twenty minutes later I saw a similar bright white light moving and then dim.

After ten minutes, I heard a noise from behind, and saw a boomerang shaped triangle shadowed by three circular lights. Turning around we witnessed a swarm of these objects flying very close to the ground. They were too large to be flying so close together. The swarm of these objects was what was in the farther distance 10 minutes prior to the incident.



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### Tennessee - Bright Pulsing Object

**Baxter** - MUFON State Director, Kim Shaffer received a call that a married couple had witnessed a strange object at about 08:30 p.m., on August 09, 2004. They were sitting on their deck enjoying the twilight when to their due south, they saw a star like object rising from the horizon. This object was very bright, several times brighter than Venus at its greatest magnitude.

The witnesses are familiar with astronomical objects. As the object rose to about 45 degrees, it pulsed very brightly then held position for about ten minutes when it suddenly took off westward at very high speed and disappeared. I find this sighting interesting because these witnesses are intelligent, educated people who have never seen (or considered) any such object previously.

Thanks to Kim Shaffer MUFON TN. SD  
<http://www.mufontennessee.org/>

### Missouri - Fifty Devices In The Sky

**Joplin** - A 37 year old Engineering Technician with a consulting engineering firm with degrees in CADD and Management and in an MBA program reports, "During my daughter's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday party on July 31, 2004, my wife (36), kids (14, 9, 5), mother (73) and friends were outside when my wife came in to ask me to go out and tell her what something was."

My 9 year old son had spotted some white spots in the sky at 06:15 p.m. When I first saw the spots, they were very small and I only saw two or three. They looked to be at a very high altitude. As I scanned the sky, I saw at least 50 of the spots overhead. I ran in to get some binoculars and then observed them.

They appeared to have white mushrooms on the top and bottom, connected by a dark cylinder and the mushrooms were spinning.

They were not in a recognisable formation, but seemed to be equidistance from each other, randomly scattered. As they moved from east to west, they were obscured by some very high, wispy clouds. After all were no longer visible, there was one larger (or at lower altitude) device that seemed to move away, and then it too disappeared from sight. The local police had no reports of this and the local news station is investigating.

### New Mexico - Silver Sphere

**Albuquerque** - At 02:00 p.m., on August 03, 2004, a couple and their friend were driving east of Albuquerque on Highway 40, when they witnessed a shiny silver sphere fly over a mountain top at a high rate of speed. The observer states, "It then came to a complete stop, hovered a few seconds and then seemed to float away from our position into a cloud partially concealing itself."

It then reappeared on the other side of the cloud to our left, hovered, and then disappeared from sight. At the time of the sighting we were driving in our vehicle and captured the entire incident on a digital camcorder. Played back in slow motion, aircraft, weather balloons and stars can be ruled out. It was early afternoon, a few clouds and blue skies.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### California - Disk and Diamond

**Mojave** - The witness reports a bright light from the west came close within a few feet

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then shot into hyper speed to the north at 02:30 a.m., on July 27, 2004. He states, "I was in my backyard when I saw, a diamond shaped dark or faintly lighted object coming out of the sky toward me." When I noticed the craft it was on the side of the brick wall where I was standing. When it came within five feet of me it started to slow down.

I thought it could maybe be someone playing with a flashlight on a bicycle, but when I looked over the brick wall, I saw only the light and nothing else that could be causing the strange glowing object. Then, it took off quickly in a northern direction. Fifteen to twenty minutes later, I went into a hypnotic trance and my memory became impaired for about 6 to 7 hours.

**Palm Springs** - The observer saw a bright object in the western sky over the San Jacinto Mts. shoot a coloured orb from its body at 05:00 a.m., on July 28, 2004. The object has been observed for the past several days. It only appears sometime between 03:00 and 05:00 a.m. At this time I also observed two coloured orbs that pulsed green, red, and blue.

They were very visible through my binoculars and they appeared to be circular or saucer shape. I lowered my binoculars and watched the sky, from the bright light orb shot a coloured orb. I woke up my husband, who used the binoculars and saw the coloured orbs as well. Three more orbs approached (smaller than the two already in sight) and lined up vertically between the two larger coloured orbs.

As I watched, the large white orb slowly ascended higher into the sky as well as the coloured orbs. I know they are ascending

slowly because the mountains are my scale, they appear initially just over the mountain and as the hour goes by, they slowly ascend upwards until they disappear into the sky.

I think that what I am witnessing is very unusual and warrants further investigation.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### Washington - Flying Triangle

**Seattle** - On July 30, 2004, four yellow-orange lights in a triangular form were observed flying southwest at 10:50 p.m. They made no noise.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### Canada - Circle In "Smoke Ring"

**Saskatoon** - The witness was outside working with his notebook computer as thunderclouds started building on July 30, 2004. He states, "I leaned back at 12:30 p.m. and looked straight up into the sky and directly overhead, there was a smoke ring, about the size of my thumbnail held at arm's length. It was perfectly circular and appeared to be swirling inward on itself."

In the centre of the smoke ring was a grey dot or small circle. At first, the dot was almost as large as the area inside the smoke ring, about the size of a fingernail at arm's length. Over the next several seconds, the grey dot appeared to get smaller, and then disappeared. The smoke ring remained, but gradually dissipated."

Thanks to Brian Vike.



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**Port Colborne** - On August 01, 2004, the witness who has twenty years of investigative and security background, and served as a military policeman reports a strange cigar shaped object with rectangular wings moving slowly at low altitude at 05:45 p.m. The wings were longer than the body of craft (individually longer) and the wings were wider than the width of the craft.

It looked much like a satellite with the traditional solar panel. The body of the craft was white with the centre appearing darker. Wings also appeared white but difficult to judge because it was reflecting the sun's light as it flew northwest. It flew slower than a Beech craft-type but faster than a blimp.

Thanks to Brian Vike.

### Mexico - Another UFO Reported

**Progreso** - Members of the Centro de Análisis de Fenómenos Espaciales (Space Phenomena Analysis Centre) have pointed out that cases involving people who claim having seen unidentified flying objects are fairly common in the Yucatan Peninsula, but they are never widely known due to a lack of diffusion. Cindy Martínez Sánchez, a partner with this statewide organization, reports that the phenomenon was seen two nights ago not only over Ticul, but also over Progreso.

Many residents of the Vicente Guerrero neighbourhood were witnesses to a mysterious cloud with a light that appeared and vanished in the southern reaches of the port, she says. The sighting lasted some five hours.

Thanks to. Scott Corrales,  
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### Brazil - UFO On Phone Camera

**Sao Paulo** - The Journal of Hispanic Ufology reports, "On Tuesday, August 03, 2004, three men were driving on the Anhanguera Highway" in Brazil's state of Sao Paulo "when they saw something unusual over a field. They stopped the car, and two of the men jumped over the fence to get a little closer.

"One of them had a modern cell phone with him, and he took a photo of a strange, cylinder-like, silver object hovering a few meters above the ground." Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and emitted a sound like "several engines working together", some dust could be seen lifting into the air. "The witnesses do not want to be identified." (Revista UFO for August 2004).

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### UK/Scotland - Rectangular Object

**Glasgow** - The witness claims an extremely frightening experience as he walked in Paisley with his dog near the Glasgow airport on July 27, 2004, at 09:10 p.m., when he saw an object flash for about a minute along the sky. This was an extremely large, completely silent rectangular object with its corners cut round like a playing card.

It was white with very bright white patches, which seemed to move across its surface as if torch beams were being aimed onto it. It flew about 20 feet to the west, and then another twenty and then it was gone. It wasn't a constant motion, it was like blinking. I'm

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usually a rational person and have never believed in anything like alien life, but after thinking about this for a couple of hours I can't put any explanation to it.

It was so close to me and so large. Tonight I'm not going to sleep, too scared. I know this thing wasn't anything man made, the material it was made of looked like skin, its still vivid in my minds eye.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### UK/England - Glowing Object

**Bristol** - The family was having a barbecue in the back garden on a lovely warm evening with a very clear sky, and sat down to eat a burger, and looked up to see something unusual overhead on July 31, 2004. It was a glowing object quite high in the sky and moving slowly in an easterly direction. It had the shape of a coke can that was standing on end and glowed very brightly.

I then pointed it out to the rest of my family, who then all just gazed into the sky at this strange object, while I darted into the house to get my camcorder. Upon returning only to find the film had run out and had to run back in for another. I fed it into the camera and recorded about forty-three seconds of this object going into the distance, and can clearly see the shape and the glow of this object.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director.

### Russian Saw UFO In Space

**Pravda reports**, "Astronaut says he does not believe other astronauts when they say they have never seen anything unusual in space." Soviet astronaut, USSR Hero Vladimir Kovale-

nok spent 217 days of his life living in space. The astronaut does not exclude the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations. "When I was working at the Salyut orbital station, I saw something strange in a porthole one day.

The object was the size of a finger. I was surprised to see it was an orbiting object," Kovalenko said at the press conference in Moscow on Friday (Unable to display image). The astronaut added he called his partner Viktor Savinykh to take a look at the unidentified object in space. "It was hard to determine the size and the speed of an object in space.

"That is why I cannot say exactly, which size it actually was. Savinykh prepared to take a picture of it, but the UFO suddenly exploded. Only clouds of smoke were left. The object split into two interconnected pieces. It was reminiscent of a dumb-bell. I reported about it to the Mission Control immediately," the astronaut said.

Vladimir Kovalenko said they had not managed to photograph the object, Interfax reports. "The Soviet press headlined the event widely. Soviet newspapers and magazines published a lot of articles and messages about it, but they were mostly critical articles. Journalists excluded the existence of the extraterrestrial reason," Kovalenko was quoted as saying.

The astronaut said nobody knows, what happened that day, when he saw the strange object in space. "It was probably a UFO, but it was definitely not mysticism - two people watched it at the same time," said he. When on Earth, Kovalenko learned specialists had registered considerable radiation emission the day the astronaut saw the object. "I do not believe it when astronauts say they have never seen anything extraordinary in space," concluded Kovalenko.



# *The Early Years*

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

**Gunnison, Colorado - June 27, 1961** *The A.P.R.O. Bulletin* (Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation). Dave Joranson, 19, of Appleton, Wisconsin, along with others, observed an unconventional aerial object in a mountainous area near Aspen. Joranson, a counsellor at Skyland Camp for Boys and Girls at Crested Butte, Colorado, said about 50 persons, two-thirds of them youngsters, also saw the object.

He spotted the object above a mountain pass about 20 miles from the spot from which he viewed the object and established its point of disappearance and reappearance with a snow-capped peak. He said it was oval or rounded, silvery in colour changing to a darker shade during the minute it was in view. It appeared above the mountainous area, travelled across in front of him and disappeared. Seconds later it appeared going in the opposite direction at a high rate of speed. A four-engined Air Force cargo plane appeared in the area only minutes after the object was seen. Joranson said the area was clear and cloudless with only a slight haze.

**Akron, Ohio - July 06, 1961** *Newsletter* (Unidentified Flying Objects Research Committee). Ernie Stadvec, owner of a small fleet of airplanes, said he saw an unidentified flying object while on flights in the Akron-Cleveland area. The former World War II bomber pilot, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc., said that while he and two other Akron men were flying over north-west Akron they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended on his right. The light approached them and then broke off into a 180 degree turn into a haze layer.

Stadvec said he spotted a similar light the previous night while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said. An object that behaved like a falling star showed up at about the same time Wednesday on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb.

**Bloemfontein, South Africa - July 06, 1968** *Flying Saucer Review* (Edited by Charles Bowen). An unidentified flying object, like a circular cloud in a cloudless sky, kept scores of people guessing in Bloemfontein and in several parts of the Orange Free State. Many were obviously distressed and telephoned Die Volksblad newspaper to ascertain what it was. According to the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation the object was also seen at Thabazimbi, Vryburg and Stilfontein. The pilot of a S.A. Boeing airliner en route to Capetown reported that he saw the object near Jagersfontein but when Die Volksblad approached an official in the control tower at J.B.M. Hertzog Airport and asked for an explanation he said that all such information was strictly confidential and that he was not permitted to divulge anything.

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**Glenroy, Vic.**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2004, 08:25 p.m. - 08:30 p.m.

The observer reported the appearance in the northern sky, of six small, bright, orange lights, that were fairly close together. These lights drifted silently toward the south where they were lost from sight.

**Strathmore, Vic.**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2004, 08:15 p.m.

The reporting observer was walking along the boundary of Essendon Airport and was looking toward the city as well as panning around to view the surrounding area of Pascoe Vale. At this time he saw nothing strange, but did count several aircraft tracking toward Tullamarine Airport.

As he walked down Dagonet Street, he saw six bright star-like orange lights, at an elevation of about 60 degrees, in the clear northeastern sky. The lights were moving in formation,

two perfect triangles side by side, heading silently in a southerly direction.

He ran home and asked his wife to go out onto the decking and have a look into the sky. She witnessed the lights and rang her sisters who live close by. They too saw the lights, but did not see all of them. At one stage, two lights disappeared and the remaining four lights formed what looked like a diamond.

The lights moved further round to the cloudy southern sky, and disappeared from view, after fifteen minutes of viewing them.

**Maryborough, Vic.**

12<sup>th</sup> August 2004, 08:30 p.m.

While at the intersection of Lowenstein and Gilles Streets in Maryborough, the reporting observer and four others noticed in the northern sky, at an elevation of about 45 degrees, what they initially thought was a star. It was not a star because it moved straight upward, and then headed to the left for a short time, before stopping and hovering for a short time.

The object then appeared to gain speed as it headed directly toward them. As it approached, they could see that it was triangular in shape. Upon attaining the relative size of half of the full moon, it became a really bright light, and then it turned and sped off toward the west. The reporting observer indicated that he heard a loud humming sound during



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this event, and also that the total duration of the sighting was 10 - 15 minutes.

### Liverpool, NSW

**01<sup>st</sup> August 2004, 03:00 a.m.**

The reporting observer and two friends were driving through Liverpool on Sunday morning, the first of August at approximately 03:00 a.m., when they happened to notice two bright fireballs travelling eastward, from the west. They pulled over to the side of the road to observe, and spotted a total of five bright lights moving in different directions and hovering in the sky, just below the clouds.

Each of these bright orange objects appeared to be the relative size of a golf ball at arm's length. They moved left to right in the sky before forming a straight line, with what appeared to be equal spacing between them. One of the objects appeared to drop a small fireball, which quickly burned out.

After 15 to 20 minutes of observing these objects, each appeared to sequentially drop from the line, in left to right order, and descend slowly while gradually losing brightness and finally burning out, then suddenly falling rapidly toward the ground.

The observers were just a bit unsure if what they saw was something normal and were wondering if anyone else had had a similar sighting. They felt that the appearance, movement and behaviour of these objects was very unusual. They also felt that the objects were neither commercial aircraft nor stars in the sky.

### Unley, SA

**31<sup>st</sup> July 2004, 10:40 p.m.**

While walking in an easterly direction in Hyde Park, Unley, the observer noticed in the southeastern sky at an elevation of about 35 degrees, possibly near the foothills close to the Glen Osmond area, many small white circular objects, each about the relative size of a twenty cent coin at arm's length, arranged in pairs in a larger circular pattern, about the relative size of a small dinner plate at arm's length.

The pattern was silently rotating very rapidly in an anti-clockwise direction, but from time to time reversed direction to clockwise, and then back to anti-clockwise, repeatedly. The rotating objects were also lost from sight periodically, for short time intervals.

As it was very cloudy and there was constant light rain, the lights were never really bright, but cloaked in cloud and diffused. The large circular pattern seemed to move in a general north south up and down oscillating pattern, but appeared to remain within a small region close to the location where first sighted.

After watching the activity for thirty minutes, the observer initially thought that the pattern might be part of a "light show" for a party, or a similar event, but noted that the objects seemed to be lit from within the cloud, not from below. He also felt that under these conditions of low cloud cover and constant light rain in the foothills, why would anyone have an outside "light show" anyway!

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### Geelong, Vic.

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2004, 01:00 a.m.**

The reporting observer, a Shell Oil Refinery nightshift employee, and another observer, were standing in or near the centre of the refinery, outside of the control building, when they first noticed a brilliant white object with an orange tail, about the relative size of a twenty cent coin at arm's length, a little above the horizon, to the southeast.

The brilliant object moved relatively slowly to the northwest before disappearing from view after about fifteen seconds. Initially, the observers wondered whether the object was a shooting star, but had never before seen a shooting star this large, and moving so slowly, so rejected that hypothesis. The reporting observer would like to know if anyone else in the vicinity also observed this large brilliantly glowing object with an orange tail.

### Norlane, Vic.

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2004, 07:00 p.m.**

The reporting observer indicates that on Monday night she was sitting in her lounge room when she heard her dog scratching at the back door. She went out to see why and noticed that her son and his two mates were also outside. It was between 06:30 p.m. and 07:00 p.m., and her dog was going berserk because two boys over her back fence were letting off firecrackers. The four of them went down the backyard and she looked over the back fence to see if she could see the boys, but they were hiding in long grass.

As they walked back to the house, they talked and looked around in the sky. The

night was slightly misty, and while looking due north, she noticed a small white star-like object fly in from the northeast. It took up a stationary position above the fence-line, and she pointed it out to the others. As they watched, it changed colour from white to pink and back to white again, and kept changing like this for as long as they watched.

On this occasion, the object appeared to the left of the Shell Refinery, while on all previous occasions, the objects had appeared to the right of the Refinery. They watched the object for about five minutes as it continued to hover in its stationary position, and cycled through its white and pink colour changes. They then retired to bed.

She also reports that she arose at 04:00 a.m., and heard a beeping sound in her right ear. When she returned to bed, she wished the beeping would go away, and eventually managed to fall asleep - re-awaking at 07:00 a.m. with the beeping still in her ear. When she arose for the day, the beeping ceased. While she has been experiencing five to ten minute occurrences of beeping in her ear for quite some time, the latest one was the longest to date.

### Mooroolbark, Vic.

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2004, 06:50 a.m.**

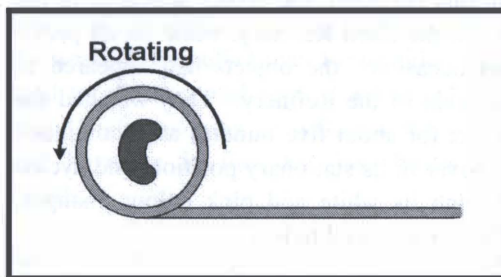
On a cold dark morning, while driving down hill from an elevated position, the observer was startled when a bright luminous object, about the size of a fifty cent coin at arm's length, entered his field of vision from the right, southwest of the observer, at an elevation of about five degrees above the



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horizon, moving above suburban rooftops toward Mt Dandenong to the southeast.

The object, estimated to be two to three kilometres distant, travelling at about 150 km/h, was described as appearing as a bright blue ring, encompassing a bright pink kidney shaped object. Both objects were rotating anticlockwise, and a blue trail was being left from the bottom of the ring.



### Blue Ring and Pink Kidney Objects

The ring object appeared somewhat like the end of an almost empty roll of bright blue paper might appear when unrolled along a floor. After two to three seconds, the observer could no longer see the ring object as it was obscured by the nearby tree line.

### Hawthorn East, Vic.

08<sup>th</sup> June 2004, 11:50 p.m.

The observer reported that his attention was caught by the appearance at an elevation of near 45 degrees in the northeastern sky, of a very bright amber coloured fireball like light, about half the relative size of the moon. The light silently streaked across the partly cloudy sky above Melbourne's eastern suburbs, vanishing to the north after two seconds.

His first impression was that this could have been a shooting star, but upon further reflection, it seemed far too large and too bright for this to be the case. He also felt that it remained in the sky for far too long to be a shooting star.

### Whitfield, Vic.

End of Winter 1954/55, 09:00 p.m.

The reporting observer states that while visiting the farm of friends in Whitfield, North Eastern Victoria, he and his friends were starting a late milking at about 09:00 p.m., when they noticed a UFO hovering over the valley. Knowing that the adults, who were in the house, would not believe them if they told them about the UFO after it had gone, they went to get them.

The night was clear, not a cloud to be seen, and the clearly visible UFO hovered above the farm for a considerable time. Over the years, he has seen pictures of craft similar to the UFO. Unfortunately, the three adults who saw the UFO are deceased, as is one of his milking friends. He no longer recalls the month of the sighting, but believes that it was near the end of winter, when there were clear cold nights in that area.

When the UFO departed, it went sideways at incredible speed. He has not previously reported this sighting as "these things were not talked about in those days", and he later married and moved to Western Australia to live. He is now 65 years of age, has taken the opportunity to report this event, and would like to know if anyone else has had a sighting in this area.

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Mon, 15 Dec 2003, 08:23 p.m.

### South Lakes, WA

The witness, Graham, was watching the Space Station setting in the south from a northern trajectory about 30 degrees above the horizon. Suddenly a large diamond-shaped craft about the size of a ten cent piece at arm's length came into view, travelling south to north. The object was dark but illuminated by four constant, dull orange lights, one to each corner.

No outstanding features were seen (e.g.: tailplanes or cockpit domes), but the underside of the object gave out a shimmering effect as if some heat or energy discharge created a visual distortion. The witness said the object was travelling very fast. No sound was heard and it was lost to view by trees and houses.

"Several years ago in Weymouth, Dorset (UK)", added Graham, "I had a very interesting ball lightning experience which is still very clear in my mind. The object was a vivid white, perfect sphere travelling along the gutter of a nearby house with really loud crackling sounds."

Thu, 20 Nov 2003, 09:00 p.m.

### Doubleview, WA

Ron saw a huge, elongated object going north in the direction of the Doubleview water tower. He described it as being "as big as a bus" with a row of porthole-like windows. Bolts of blue 'electrical' discharges were shooting down from the object. No sound was heard and the witness claimed, because of pending medical tests and fasting, he had had

only two beers! Ron also claimed he was a dyed-in-the-wool sceptic until this point in time and the sighting "shook me up."

Sat, 11 Oct 2003, 03:45 a.m.

### Kingsley, WA

Two witnesses who did not wish to give their names or telephone numbers reported seeing a huge red object, larger than a full moon, spiralling to the ground. No sound was heard. One of the witnesses was driving through Kingsley two years ago when the landscape suddenly changed and nothing was recognised. The witnesses, a mother and son, were very frightened by this experience and didn't know what to make of it.

Wed, 27 Aug 2003,

07:00 p.m. - 07:20 p.m.

### Esperance, WA

The witness reported a single red and white light over the airport, moving in a very erratic manner, zigzagging this way and that in a darting motion, before rising straight up and disappearing. The witness felt a plane coming in from the east must have seen the light, which was very bright, but no reports were seen in the newspapers over the following days.

Sat, 05 Jul 2003,

10:00 p.m. - 10:20 p.m.

### Craigie, WA

Richard and a second witness reported seeing a mushroom-shaped object to the west. There was a blue flame coming out of one



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end and as they watched there was a 'whoomf' and the object vanished.

### **Thu, 03 Jul 2003, 05:30 p.m. Between Geraldton and Carnarvon, WA**

The witness, Barry, saw a stationary, cigar-shaped object in the west over the ocean. There was a flash and the object moved farther west and disappeared.

### **Thu, 03 Jul 2003, 05:30 p.m. 110 km north of Geraldton, WA**

While looking westward, Paul, a claimed abductee, watched a stationary, cigar-shaped object for seven minutes. There was a flash and the object shot off to the west at great speed appearing as a mere dot before being lost to view. He later spoke to two Aboriginal men at a service station and the subject of UFOs came up. They said there was lots of UFO activity in this area and an equal amount of scepticism about such claims.

Paul also related an incident over Kalgoorlie in September 2000. He watched an orange light move slowly east to south. It stopped for five minutes before exploding in a shower of sparks from which three white balls of light emerged and headed off at great speed in different directions.

### **Mon, 19 May 2003, 09:30 p.m. Forrestfield, WA**

The witness, Ike, reported a star-like object in the southwest at between 30 and 45 degrees. It was orange in colour and moving about erratically - up and down and side to side, stopping every so often. The witness

fetches his video camera and zoomed in on the object, though was still unable to define a clear shape.

When the camera battery failed he replaced it with another and attempted to re-film the object, but try as he might he couldn't find the light through the viewfinder although able to see it with the naked eye. Around 11:00 p.m. a shooting star shot overhead and from that time the object was no longer visible.

### **Mon, 03 Mar 2003, 08:15 p.m. and Wed, 05 Mar 2003, 08:05 p.m. Kardinya, WA**

The witness, Brian Richards (an Australasian Society for Psychical Research Committee member), was standing in his back garden. He noticed in the south at about 30 degrees, a very bright white light, larger than the planet Venus. He thought it was strange and queried the presence of any known bright planets in that area. As he watched, the object moved slowly south, quickly dimming to a mere pinprick of light before disappearing.

Two days later, at almost the same time and in almost the same spot, a white starlike object appeared and grew to the size of a twenty cent piece at arm's length. It was incredibly bright but within three or four seconds had dimmed to a tiny spot and could not be seen. There was absolutely no sound at all. The witness is ex-air force and is certain the light was not from a conventional aircraft.

### **Tue, 18 Feb 2003, 07:45 p.m. Ascot, Garratt Road Bridge, WA**

Curtis reported two orange lights moving from north to south over a period of five

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minutes. They changed position from time to time. One stopped and faded out. The second light moved on south and disappeared from view.

### **Mon, 03 Feb 2003, 08:00 p.m. Joondalup, WA**

Allan reported seeing up to seven lights, one red, and the others white, moving about in a very odd manner. They appeared to the east at about 15 degrees, in groups of two or three and singly. What impressed the witness, who is ex-air force, was the speed the lights moved - faster than anything he had seen before. The lights would remain stationary for some time and then change position. There was about three hand spans separation from one group of two to another group of three and a sixth red light to the north.

### **Wed, 22 Jan 2003, 08:00 p.m. Oawesville Cut, Mandurah, WA**

Mark and three friends were fishing in the Oawesville Canal when a bright starlike object flew in from the west. Its height was difficult to determine but they estimated it to be about 2000 feet. The object moved erratically, zigzagging this way and that and moving up and down, and at times remaining absolutely stationary. The light was seen for about two minutes before it headed east and disappeared from view.

### **Wed, 01 Jan 2003, 12:30 a.m. Waikiki, Rockingham, WA**

Helen was travelling south along Reed Street when she saw what appeared to be an oval

object resembling a bloated worm with an orange glow. All around it were small appendages like centipede legs. The object was travelling slowly east to west. The witness insisted she hadn't been drinking and couldn't believe what she was seeing. The object defied all rational explanations.

### **Wed, 25 Sep 2002, 09:00 p.m. Kelmescott, WA**

A lady and several witnesses watched three orange balls of light (OBOLs) travel from west to east in more or less a straight line. They were about one hand span apart at arm's length, silent, orange and the size of Venus. They were observed for 10 - 15 minutes before being lost to view by distance over the hills.

### **Wed, 18 Sep 2002, 11:30 p.m. Leeming, WA**

A man was looking SSW and at about 60 degrees and saw seven bright orange lights in the night sky. The lights were moving about, changing formation and varying their speed. One headed north and one east at about 200 knots. The other five simply vanished.

The total sighting time was about ten minutes. No sound was heard. There was some broken cloud about, but no discernible breeze. The lights were above the cloud at an estimated height of 5000 feet. The witness heard some media reports that the lights represented a meteor(oid) shower.



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**Wed, 28 Aug 2002, 07:30 p.m.**  
**Belmont, WA**

A lady was driving east along Alexander Road. To her right, travelling from south-east to west, she noticed two red lights, side by side. At first she thought they were conventional aircraft lights until they rapidly separated and came back together again, repeating this manoeuvre several times. One minute she was watching them, the next they had disappeared.

**Tue, 27 Aug 2002,**  
**08:00 p.m. - 08:20 p.m.**  
**Armadale, Kelmscott,**  
**Gosnells and Maddington, WA**

At least ten callers from the above suburbs reported five orange balls of light moving slowly from the SE over the Armadale Hills to the NW where they then moved rapidly before disappearing. Some witnesses described the lights being in an X formation while others described a Z pattern with a light at each end of the horizontal and one in the middle. Apparently the lights changed formation from time to time and were seen for 20 minutes.

Again, not one caller thought they were hot-air balloons, with one witness, Katie from Maddington, saying she had seen a hot-air balloon released at a party and these were nothing like it. Two callers were very troubled by the sighting and demanded to know what the lights were. One caller claimed two helicopters seemed to be searching the area after the lights had gone, but efforts to establish the origin of these aircraft have not been successful.

**Fri, 23 Aug 2002, 09:00 p.m.**  
**Safety Bay, Rockingham, WA**

A lady and her husband reported a very bright, silent, orange light hovering at about 45 degrees over the ocean, slightly to the right of Penguin Island, and to the right and slightly lower than Venus. She described the object as resembling an incandescent, orange street lamp. There appeared to be a smaller red light on top and lots of tiny lights or light spikes all around the object. The light remained in the same place for 20 minutes. Two or three times the witnesses went indoors. The last time they emerged from the house the light had vanished, leaving them very puzzled.

**Thu, 22 Aug 2002, 08:25 p.m.**  
**Kelmscott, WA**

The witness, Kathy, was looking north when she saw three bright orange lights travelling from the coast (west) to the east. The lights were in a straight, horizontal line, more or less evenly spaced. After a while one light disappeared as the other two climbed higher into the night sky and were lost to view.

**Sat, 17 Aug 2002, 10:00 p.m.**  
**Gosnells, WA**

Steve reported seeing four bright orange lights over Gosnells. They made no sound. At first three were seen in a stack, one above the other, to be joined by a fourth off to the right. They came from the west initially and were seen for about 15 minutes. At times the lights were stationary, sometimes moving. Three eventually headed north, the fourth northeast and, in a burst of speed, disappeared from view. The witness would not accept they could have been hot-air balloons.

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**Fri, 16 Aug 2002, 09:30 p.m.**  
**Armadale, WA**

A woman and nine other witnesses watched two bright orange, golf ball sized (at arm's length) lights travel silently towards them from the north. A third light, much brighter and larger, came from the west and caught up with the first two. It then hovered stationary for about five minutes looking like a planet before moving away with the other two to the northwest.

The main witness claims to have seen orange lights every night this week at varying times. It is pure speculation as to what they are, but all witnesses rule out the hot-air balloon hypothesis.

**Sat, 10 Aug 2002, 05:15 a.m.**  
**Beverley, WA**

The witness, Chris, is a store owner and holder of a private pilot's licence. He watched a brilliant white star-like object hovering in the NNE early morning sky at about 45 degrees elevation. It slowly moved north, rising slightly and just faded out. The witness was convinced it was not the light from a conventional aircraft and couldn't explain the sighting.

**Sat, 03 Aug 2002, 11:15 p.m.**  
**Armadale, WA**

Two boys reported seeing two bright orange lights at tree top height moving together. At first, only one light was seen before a second one emerged from behind some trees. Both lights then proceeded to climb together as if synchronised, moving forward

and up in zigzag jumps. By 11:23 p.m., the trailing light disappeared behind some cloud whilst the leader was seen to move higher, still bobbing about before being lost to view by cloud.

**Fri, 02 Aug 2002, 08:30 p.m.**  
**Kewdale, WA**

David watched a bright, red-orange light move in a northeasterly direction from Cannington towards Midland. He described it as a sphere rising up as if on fire, which suddenly faded out.

**Fri, 02 Aug 2002, 10:30 p.m.**  
**Armadale, WA**

Two witnesses, David and Sebastian, watched a single, very bright orange light moving west to east. At one stage it stopped for ten minutes, remaining absolutely stationary before moving away into some clouds where it was lost from view. The total time of the sighting was fifteen minutes.

**Thu, 25 Jul 2002, 09:30 p.m.**  
**Huntingdale, WA**

Two callers, Curtis and Diane, unknown to each other, reported the same sighting. Two orange, starlike objects travelling from west to east, passed over the witnesses and faded out in the distance. The total time of the sighting was five to seven minutes.

**Wed, 24 Jul 2002, 08:30 p.m.**  
**Huntingdale, WA**

Darren and eight other witnesses were looking east and saw three bright, starlike lights in a



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triangular formation, equally spaced, travelling in a northeasterly direction. The lights were one and a half hand spans at arm's length. As he watched, the lights formed into a diagonal, straight line also equally spaced.

After about seven minutes the bottom two lights faded out and the third continued on its way, seeming to drop down towards the hills. No sound was heard. The sighting lasted about seven minutes. At one time a light aircraft was seen circling the area. None of the witnesses believed they were looking at hot-air balloons.

### **Wed, 24 Jul 2002, 08:30 p.m. Huntingdale, WA**

A group of three people, Dianne, Teleagh and Matthew, reported four lights travelling from the east going northeast in a Southern Cross formation. They stopped for thirty seconds before moving on. The bottom two lights faded out. The other two continued northeast and were lost from view.

### **Sun, 21 Jul 2002, 06:30 p.m. Kelmscott, WA**

Mark has seen OBOLs for the past week, every other day. This day, 21 July, he watched two bright, orange coloured lights head SE from the NW. It's possible there was only one light as they were so close together. At first he thought it was an aeroplane due to the fast speed they were travelling, but when they stopped, moved to the left, stopped again, moved to the right and remained absolutely stationary for two minutes, he knew this was something else.

Also, the familiar red port and green star-board wing lights of conventional aircraft were not to be seen. After about eight minutes, the two lights moved slowly back from whence they came, but one of them seemed to settle down into the hills and was lost to view. The witness has had a number of interesting UFO sightings over the years in the UK and Australia.

### **Tue, 16 Jul 2002, 06:15 p.m. - 06:30 p.m. Gosnells, Kelmscott, Armadale, WA**

On this evening about six callers reported three orange balls of light over the Gosnells, Kelmscott, Armadale hills areas. All witnesses described the lights as silent, bright and travelling west to east in a perfect triangular formation. It appears the lights then changed position, the rear two catching up with the leader and forming a straight line at about forty-five degrees. They stopped moving for about three minutes.

Laurel could not ascertain the direction from which the lights came, but said they passed over the Southern River in Gosnells moving towards Kelmscott. They remained stationary over the hills. Two of the lights moved away towards the south and the remaining light turned red before fading out. Laurel said a fourth light could be seen over the hills behind Gosnells.

Curtis and Darren reported three orange lights in a perfect triangular formation flying over Armadale. They formed a straight line before breaking up, moving away and fading out.

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Stuart of Kelmscott saw the same phenomenon and described the lights flying west to east before changing direction to the south. There were also calls from Darren of Gosnells, Southern River Road, who watched one light turn red and the other two fade out, and Tyler of Gosnells who alleged the lights were flying between 3,000 and 5,000 feet, and at one point stopped for up to six minutes.

It should be noted that not one witness thought the objects were hot-air balloons made from garbage bags propelled by fire-lighters. When one witness queried why such hot-air balloons could fly in perfect formation, he was told by the Bickley Astronomical Observatory that they were tied together with string.

The incredulous caller calculated that this would have required over one and a half kilometres of string, making launch and take off almost impossible, not to mention the changing formation of the lights and their stationary episodes.

### **Wed, 03 Jul 2002, 06:50 p.m. Armadale, WA**

Harold was facing his house (east) when he noticed to his left a very bright, pale orange light travelling from northwest to southeast. No sound was heard. There was some cloud cover. The light was below the clouds, possibly at 3,000 feet and was the size of a small grape at arm's length. There appeared to be flashes of red light coming off the radiated points of white light. The witness was adamant it was not a conven-

tional plane or hot-air balloon. The sighting lasted about two minutes.

### **Wed, 26 Jun 2002, 06:15 p.m. Parklands Caravan Park, Mandurah, WA**

Percy reported seeing a glow through some trees at about 30 degrees elevation. He was astonished when the light emerged, moving from the northwest to west in the shape of a perfect, vertically aligned crucifix. A large orange light was mounted on the top of the cross whilst the rest of the object resembled two lines of pearls.

The witness asked not to be thought of as mad because he still hadn't come to terms with his sighting, two months after the event (this report being made in August). Every night on going to bed he visualises the cross so clearly it might as well be in the room next to him.

### **Mon, 24 Jun 2002, 08:15 p.m. Kelmscott, WA**

Barry and three witnesses watched two very bright, orange-red lights travel silently from west to northeast. At first they were side by side but one of the lights rose higher, changing the configuration. After five minutes, a third light appeared, travelling in the same direction.

Watching through binoculars, Barry described the whole surface of the object, as 'swarming' like bees, or active bacteria when viewed under a microscope. A week earlier Barry's son John had watched two similar lights travelling in the opposite direction.



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**Fri, 03 May 2002, 07:10 p.m.  
Ferndale, WA**

A man reported seeing a white, starlike object flying at about 10,000 feet heading west to east. At one point it dropped down and stopped for about four or five seconds before moving on. The witness, a pilot who is very familiar with light aircraft, stated this object was flashing randomly every two or three seconds, which was totally unlike any normal aircraft lighting. No sound was heard. (This object may well have been a panelled satellite reflecting the sun, except for the fact that it dropped down and remained stationary for a few seconds. - BR)

**Thu, 25 Apr 2002, 12:30 p.m.  
Mirrabooka, WA**

A lady, Margaret, was watching a plane approaching from the northwest. She noticed a white spherical object or ball beyond the plane heading south at about 40 degrees. In its westerly position the object changed to a bright red colour and continued south to be lost by distance.

(As the wind at this time was blowing from the north and northwest it must be assumed that this was some kind of inflated object drifting on the wind. Its colour change is the one factor that is puzzling. Any peculiar aerial manoeuvres might have put this object in the UFO category, but as its course and speed were constant, a rational explanation must prevail. - BR)

**Wed, 24 Apr 2002, 05:55 a.m.  
Bicton, WA**

Roy was putting out the rubbish bin. It was still fairly dark and there was broken cloud

about. A movement caught his eye, and he looking up and saw a very bright white light to the south, about the size of Venus, travelling from west to east. The light was constant, unblinking and silent.

He watched as it entered a cloud and re-emerged. To his amazement, the light made a sudden 45 degree turn on the spot, impossible for any conventional aircraft, and headed south. It was moving faster than a satellite, but slower than a meteor.

**Sat, 13 Apr 2002,  
06:10 a.m. - 06:15 a.m.  
Rockingham, WA**

The witness, Tim, and a friend were driving along Ennis Avenue, travelling north. To the northwest they noticed a brilliant, stationary, white light about quarter the size of a full moon, about 5 - 10 degrees above the horizon. They watched the light for about one and a half minutes and at one point looked away for a split second. When they tried to re-sight the object, it had simply vanished.

(This object may well have been the landing lights of a commercial aircraft on a pre-landing flight path. Northwest is a common compass point for aircraft approaching Perth domestic and international airports when the wind is coming from the east. At this time the wind was easterly. Planes seen by their lights often appear stationary when seen head on to line of sight. A sudden turn to final approach will give the impression that the lights have switched off or the object has vanished. - BR.)

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**02/05/04 Brookfield,  
Sunday 11:50 p.m.**

Firstly a large light, like a bright yellow star, slowly moved down the sky. It had a kind of odd lightning coming out of its base. It reached about 100 metres off the ground and hovered. Then the lights turned off and it moved behind the ridge behind my house. About 10 seconds later another object appeared and did the same thing. It took about 2 - 4 minutes both times. I thought it might have been an afterburner initially and called the RAAF, but they didn't have anything in the air at that time.

**24/04/04 Concord West, NSW,  
Saturday Evening**

As I was sitting at my computer, I started to hear an aeroplane sound. This didn't bother me, but as it started to get louder, I looked out my window to see if I could see anything. I then heard a loud thunder-sounding noise and I thought it might be because of a thunderstorm. I also saw fluttering lights lighting up the street.

I climbed out the window to quickly see what it was and I moved to where the area behind my rooftop was visible. I saw a bright yellow/orange coloured circular object, about the size of a tennis ball, burning in the sky. I panicked and banged on the front door and yelled out to friends who were sleeping, in order to try and get them to come out and see the object.

By the time I returned I could no longer see the object. I then went to the backyard, but couldn't see anything at all. I then returned inside and the sound of the object finally faded. Overall the sound lasted approximately a minute, while I witnessed the object for about 20 seconds.

**18/04/04 Fairfax, Virginia, USA,  
Sunday Evening**

My daughter and I were sitting outside in the backyard in Fairfax, Virginia and saw a boomerang shaped object and also an accompanying object of the same shape. We have no explanation of what this might be.

**15/04/04 Boondall,  
Thursday 10:45 p.m.**

A man reported seeing an object in the western sky about 10 to 20 degrees above the horizon. Whilst looking through binoculars he could see blue and red lights flashing on and off in a constant pattern, then it disappeared.

**15/04/04 Caboolture,  
Thursday 05:50 p.m.**

The witness observed something that looked like a star travelling from north to south in the sky. The light brightened, faded then disappeared. It was not as fast as a shooting star but moved about three or four times faster than a jet, in a straight line and at a constant speed. The object seemed to be far out in space and was observed for between 40 to 60 seconds.



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### 31/03/04 Castle Hill, Townsville, Wednesday 07:15 p.m.

A man was walking his dog, looking west, and observed something that seemed to be a shooting star but changed into a "massive ball". It lit up for 5 seconds or less, was orange and had a small tail. He heard no noise at the time. The object was moving towards Harvey's Range near the military base.

### 30/03/04 Mt Cotton, Tuesday 01:00 a.m. - 01:30 a.m.

A man was standing on his veranda looking south when he saw an object like a star at about 30 to 45 degrees elevation in the sky. It changed colour and shape and seemed to get bigger and very star-shaped. It began spinning and at various times it turned away and towards him "like a hand turning away and towards you".

It was about 20 to 40 km away and about two centimetres in size at arm's length. It split into two for about five minutes and then reintegrated. One object was smaller than the other. After it reintegrated it turned then moved off. He observed the objects for 30 minutes and in that time the combined object moved lower towards the horizon "as if moving away".

### 27/03/04 Hemmant, Saturday 10:00 p.m.

A woman reported seeing a large pulsating white light in the sky, approximately six times as large as the full moon. It had two smaller pulsating lights, one on each side of

it, which were also white and about the size of a tennis ball. The larger light was quite faint in comparison to the smaller ones. The object was hovering over the nearby reserve, which had power pylons on it.

As she was watching, the lights "turned off like a light switch." The object had been hovering above a thin cloud and she had watched it for 5 to 10 minutes. The woman had also seen ghosts and felt presences and described herself as very sensitive.

### 17/03/04 Wagga Wagga, NSW, Wednesday 08:40 p.m.

We were sitting on the front porch at approximately 08:40 p.m., looking northwest, when we noticed a large yellowish-bronze light. While watching, it slowly appeared to move southwest. We began to walk down the street in the same direction, watching the light between houses where we could see it. We finally stopped at a crossroad where we could observe without obstruction.

It seemed large yet far away and appeared to dim and brighten repeatedly. After about 15 minutes it seemed not to be moving but looked to be getting smaller, as if heading away from us in a northwest direction. Suddenly the object disappeared. We spoke to the Wagga Wagga RAAF base and were told there were no aircraft in the area, and that nothing takes off or lands at the Wagga Wagga RAAF: (?! - Ed)

### 04/03/04 Mundingburra, Thursday 02:00 a.m.

I live at Mundingburra, Townsville. For the past month between 12:00 midnight and

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02:00 a.m. my girlfriend and I have seen, a number of times, an object that flashes four distinct colours - red, green, blue and white, and I did manage to take a video of this thing. There have been no planes or aircraft in the area and they would not move as quickly as this object.

### 26/02/04 Toowoomba, Thursday 04:30 a.m.

While travelling to work I noticed there were some large spots of light forming in a circle with a smaller formation of circles within that circle. All of the spots of light were spinning around in circles at the same time that they were darting across the sky. I was driving east along a street and the formation was southeast of me. As I was driving and watching it dart across the sky, it vanished out of sight across the top of the car.

I then had to stop at a set of lights, proceeded through the set of lights and caught sight of the objects again. The formation had moved further south but was still in the east. I did wonder if it was lights coming from the university in the area but thought that at 04:30 a.m., possibly not. I then had to turn off the street I was driving east in and head north, which was when I lost sight of the objects.

The objects were quite high in the sky and very large. From ground level they looked at least 15 feet wide, and at an altitude of roughly 800-1000 feet. I don't recall seeing the moon and at the time I saw the formation, it was about an hour away from sunlight. The sky was overcast.

### 2003 Springfield, Virginia, USA, Afternoon

One afternoon, my wife and I were travelling east on the Franconia Springfield Parkway. Just past the Springfield Metro (subway station) on our right and at about 11:00 o'clock high, my wife noticed two strange cloud-like formations in the sky. She pointed these objects out to me and they were very noticeable as the sky was blue and mostly clear.

At first I thought they were hot air balloons but then I observed that they were much like vapour clouds and somewhat thick in consistency, since both objects were casting a shadow. The shape of these UFOs were identical to each another; their tops were circular in shape, domes, and both had trails at their bases similar to tentacles from a jellyfish, almost organic in texture.

Both objects were motionless as they floated in the sky and they emitted no sound. I do recall thinking that they may have been the result of aircraft backfires (if there is such a thing) spewing vaporous balls of smoky, oily residue from a malfunctioning engine.

(Many thanks to Norman for sending us his report. Colour images can be found at <http://hometown.aol.com/facadefx/page4.html>)

### 1998 Byron Bay, NSW, 10:00 p.m.

A friend and I were walking along an empty section of Byron Bay beach one evening at about 10:00 p.m. in 1998. As far as I know we were the only two people on the beach.



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The wind was blowing on-shore from the bay and it was fairly dark when both of us stopped in our tracks as we spotted something unusual.

Just above the treetops and coming from town towards the sea was a bronze coloured, stingray shaped object (no tail) making its way toward the ocean. I asked my friend if he knew what it was - he had been local to the area for some years and had some knowledge of animals/birds of the area - but he, like me, had no idea what we were looking at.

The bronze, stingray shaped object was approximately 1 to 2 metres in length and breadth. It flew at around 10 to 15 metres above us, over the treetops that edge the beach. It was travelling from land towards the sea. It had to have passed over the houses of the town to arrive where we saw it. We both watched it pass above us and disappear into the gloom of night out in the bay, heading from south to north.

It produced no sound, at least nothing above the sound of the surf and the wind blowing onshore. It had no visible form of propulsion - no moving wings, no glowing

engines, its body shape never changed as it weaved its way out to sea against a head wind. I say 'weaved' as it didn't follow an exact straight line to sea, almost as if it may have had a 'mechanical' fault and was struggling against the wind.

It had no lights, no navigation lights, no engine glow, no searchlights - nothing. And it gave off no sound. This was a stealth machine, not intended to display itself to anyone. Thinking about it over the years I really can't imagine why any UFO would want to announce itself with bright lights and noisy engines, particularly if it wants to observe without interfering.

The other thought I have is that this UFO may have had a fault, that's why it was flying low and weaving a bit. Also, it was heading toward the bay and the ocean. I suspect there was a mother ship hidden nearby that this device was returning to, possibly underwater.

From the fact there was no light and no sound and no visible form of propulsion, I feel it can't have been a human machine, at least as far as all the technology I know of that humans have made.

## UFO Spotted Over Winnipeg

24 Hours News Services - Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Delve Report, July 2004

Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland St., Toronto, Ontario Canada

Three air traffic controllers at the Winnipeg International Airport are among witnesses who reported seeing an unidentified flying object streak through the sky on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

They said they saw the object at about 09:45 p.m., flying at more than 400 km/h from west to east. There are about 700 documented UFO sightings annually in Canada.

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## Hawking Alters Black Hole View

The Toronto Sun - Thursday, July 22, 2004

Delve Report, July 2004

Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland St., Toronto, Ontario Canada

After 29 years of thinking about it, the renowned Cambridge University scientist, Stephen Hawking, presented a paper in Dublin arguing that black holes, the celestial vortexes formed by collapsing stars, can eventually reveal details about the objects they swallow up.

Hawking had previously insisted that black holes destroy all molecular fingerprints of their contents, emitting only generic radiation.

But yesterday, at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation, he presented mind-boggling new calculations that suggest black holes are able to cast out their contents "in a mangled form" - and that there's only one way in and one way out.

Hawking, 62, also said he no longer believes that black holes might offer passage into another universe.





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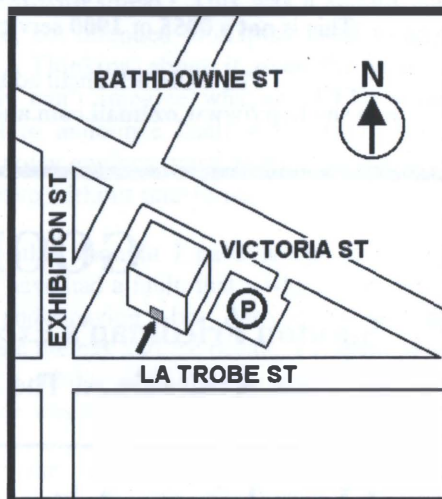
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## SOCIETY HISTORY

# 1957

At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).



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